

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : David E. Townsend  
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MICROORGANISMS IN A SAMPLE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2007, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.